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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES BETWEEN DENMARK
AND EAST GERMANY

REF USNATO 5904

1. DCM HAD OPPORTUNITY OCT 25 TO ASK DEPUTY POLITICAL
DIRECTOR OLE BIERRING AND KORSGAARD-PEDERSEN (K-P), WHO
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HANDLES NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AS TO THE

EAST GERMAN REQUEST FOR AN EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES.
K-P CONFIRMED THAT THE EAST GERMANS HAVE INDEED BEEN
PRESSING FOR SOME ACTION ON THEIR LONG-STANDING REQUEST
AND SAID THE DANES WERE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO COME UP WITH
ADDITIONAL REASONS NOT TO ACCEDE. BOTH HE AND BIERRING
LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT DENMARK WOULD EVENTUALLY AGREE
TO ACCEPT A GDR MILITARY ATTACHE.

2. ASKED WHETHER DENMARK WOULD SEND A MILITARY
ATTACHE TO EAST BERLIN, K-P SAID THAT WAS HIGHLY
UNLIKELY. SINCE DENMARK TRADITIONALLY MAINTAINED VERY
FEW MILITARY ATTACHES ABROAD, HE DID NOT THINK THAT THEY
WOULD SEND ONE TO EAST BERLIN. DCM REPLIED THAT IT
MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER VERY CAREFULLY
SINCE OUR EXPERIENCE HAD GENERALLY BEEN THAT RECIPROCITY
WAS VERY IMPORTANT IN DEALING WITH COMMUNIST STATES.
FURTHERMORE, AN EXTRA PAIR OF FRIENDLY EYES AND EARS IN
A STATE LIKE THE GDR WAS ALWAYS HELPFUL.

3. FRG CHARGE AND FRENCH DCM WHO LISTENED IN ON THIS
CONVERSATION SAID THEY WERE UNAWARE OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS'
INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO AN EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES
WITH THE GDR.

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